(b) The amount of arreasr were as given below:—

(Rupees in crores)

| Year | Exempted Establishments | Unexempted Establishments. |
|---|---|---|
| 1986-87 | 98.51 | 71.97 |
| 1987-88 | 111.43 | 78.74 |

(c) No, Sir.

**Support Price of Sugarcane**

325. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the support prices of high-yielding variety, as also of general variety of sugarcane for the year 1988-89 are higher in Uttar Pradesh as compared to Haryana; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to instruct the Haryana Government to raise the sugarcane price to *the level of Uttar Pradesh*?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The Central Government fixes the Statutory Minimum Price of sugarcane payable by sugar factories. The price fixed by the Central Government is uniform throughout the conutry. For 1988-89, the Central Government have announced a price of Rs. 19.00 per quintal linked to a recovery of 8.5 per cent. Different State Governments also announce priecs of sugarcane payable by sugar factories, based on local conditions, although these State Advised Prices do not have any statutory backing. The Central Government has not yet received any offical confirmation about State Advised Prices for the 1988-89 sugar season from concerned State Governments. The Central Government does not instruct State Governments about the level of State Advised Prices.

**Increase in the prices of levy sugar, Edible Oil and Rice**

326. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the prices of levy sugar, edible oil, wheat, and rice; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) The prices of levy suger applicable to the production of the sugar year 1988-89 and the Central issue prices of rice based on the letest paddy procurement prices have not yet been determined. Presently, there is no proposal to increase the issue prices of improrted edible oils or to increase, during the current rabi marketing year, the central issue price of wheat for the public distribution systems.

**Viewers preference survey in Andhra Andhra Pradesh**

327. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan have recently conducted any viewers preference survey in several places in Andhra Pradesh; and